



**Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business  
Enterprise and Small Business Council Committee  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

**The Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise and Small Business Council Committee convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Boards & Commissions Room 1101, in Austin, Texas.**

Council Member Michael Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Member Tovo

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 were approved on motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole; motion seconded by Council Member Martinez, and item passed on a 2-0 vote.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Joy Pecoraro, The Texas Pros, spoke regarding marketing and outreach of the MBE/WBE Procurement Program to local firms.

Carol Hadnot, Austin Area Black Contractors Association and Minority Trade Alliance Association, spoke on the Disparity Study kickoff event and invited the community to provide input as the Study continues.

**3. MBE/WBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Monthly report from the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Advisory Committee regarding its activities and minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises issues as described in its agenda posted for January 7, 2014, February 4, 2014, and April 1, 2014.

Anne Harutunian updated the Council Committee on Advisory Committee activities.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update from staff on status on potential financial and payment assistance options for small businesses and minority- and women-owned businesses (MBE/WBEs) in accordance with Council Resolution No. 20131024-055.

Veronica Lara, Director, and Kristi Samilpa, Business Process Consultant, of SMBR provided the Council Committee on the activities of the working groups and the proposed timelines for implementation of program options.

**5. STAFF REPORT**

Monthly update from SMBR regarding the Request for Change report.

Veronica Lara, SMBR Director, provided an update and summary on the Request for Change report.

**6. ADJOURN**

Council Member Martinez adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m. without objection.